

CONGRESSIONAL.

Discussion of the Bill Increasing the Clerical Force of the Civil Service Commission.

The Spoils System Landed—The Measure Passed the House—Cutting Down Salaries in Appropriation Bills.

Fiftieth Congress.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The House went into committee of the whole on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

The pending amendment offered by Mr. McComas of Maryland, increasing the clerical force of the civil service commission, was advocated by Mr. Gracy of New York, who said that the increase would enable the President to extend the classified list.

The President had not been criticized for not having made the classified list.

The President was not to be extended.

He waited for action on the part of the commission, and the commission was delayed by reason of want of the necessary means which Congress could provide.

He was glad to see the commendable spirit of emulation shown by the gentlemen on both sides to prove the interest of their respective parties in the cause of civil service reform.

Mr. Whitthorne of Tennessee, thought with 20,000 applicants waiting for admission to the civil service there was no necessity for having that number multiplied. The effect of multiplication would be to debase the young men and women of the country by withdrawing them from their parents, and putting them on a level with the applicants for office.

He was glad he had voted against the civil service law. He believed then, as he believed now, that it was anti-republican and anti-democratic in its tendencies. He believed it would grow to be a sore on the body politic, full of mischief and danger to the theory on which the government was founded.

Standing as he did as one of the complainants against the administration for not turning the Republic over and putting the Democrats in, he was not to admit the fidelity of the President to the pledges made in his letter and his course in the execution of what he found to be the law of the land.

He knew in his own personal experience that when he had applied to the President for the removal of officials because they were Republicans the President had stood immovable. In his own state of Tennessee there had not been one single removal of a presidential appointee. The President had waited until the official's term expired.

Mr. Hopkins of Illinois—"Was any charge of inefficiency brought against any of them?"

Mr. Whitthorne—"I take it for granted that inefficiency is Republicanism of office holders." [Laughter.] "I am perfectly frank, for I believe that at the ballot box the people of the United States are sovereigns, and there they preserved the character of our institutions and any body, civil or military, who did not, when the commission of office was put in their hands, was working contrary to the theory of our institutions." [Applause on Democratic side.]

Mr. Hopkins—"I thank you for your frankness."

Mr. Whitthorne—"I am frank and if you ever come into power, God forbid that you do, I hope you will not on the subject I have stated."

Mr. Adams of Illinois favored the use of force, believing that the system should be tried in good faith, and the commission should be given ample appropriations to find out whether the system was a failure or a success. He believed that an honest spoils system was far better than the alleged civil service system which was so much talked of, and which was the end of the country to the other of being carried out with lusciousness.

After further debate the amendment was agreed to—81 to 71. The amendment provided for one additional clerk of class 3, one of class 2 and one at \$1000, and increases the appropriation for the necessary traveling expenses from \$4000 to \$5000.

Mr. Crain of Texas raised a point of order against the appropriation of \$3600 for salary of the first auditor of the Treasury. He quoted from the statute law fixing the salary of this official at \$4000, and denounced the practice of cutting down salaries on appropriation bills. If the salaries of government officials were too large, he said, he would reduce them, but they should not be reduced in an appropriation bill in order to enable the Democratic party to gobble the people in an election year and point to the economical appropriations.

The point of order was sustained and the appropriation ruled out.

Reading further action the committee rose and the House adjourned.

PALESTINE.

Wounded in a Sleeping Car—Dangerously Wounded by Accident.

Special to the Gazette.

PALESTINE, Tex., May 26.—Mr. Imboden, a young lawyer from Madisonville, Ky., who had been in Palestine last evening was robbed of \$125 on a Pullman sleeping car. The colored porter was arrested at Longview and will be brought here by the sheriff to-night to be identified by Mr. Imboden.

Yesterday evening Harry Swift, a member of the Alderman H. V. Swift, shot and wounded a colored boy, who was named Tom Jones. Young Swift was shot while he was in a breach-loader when it was accidentally discharged, the load of buckshot striking Jones in the shoulder and side, from which it is feared he will die. The load passed through a wall held in the hands of Willie Brown before it wounded Jones.

THE HEMPSTEAD TROUBLE.

A Meeting of Citizens and Action Taken The Sheriff's Resignation.

Hempstead, Tex., May 25.—About 250 of the best and most substantial citizens of Waller county met in mass meeting under the shade trees near the Presbyterian church in this city yesterday. Dr. R. C. Watson was elected chairman and J. D. Montgomery was elected secretary.

Dr. Watson stated the object of the meeting to be to take some action and a meeting to be held in the future.

He determined stand by the citizens in a body in relation to the recent killings and murders in this county.

Mr. Pinckney, who was appointed last Monday on a committee to present resolutions to the meeting, reported that he had been to present as the committee was to present for each work.

Thereupon a motion was made that a committee of two from each precinct be appointed to draw up a history of the existing reign of terror here and forward same to Governor Rice, and request him to give relief and protection to the citizens here as he could.

The committee is as follows: F. J.

Cooke, Sr., Thomas Armer, Sr., J. H. Morrison, Sr., W. H. Slaughter, Hugh Cooke, Dr. J. J. Perry, E. B. Womack, John Steffen, Wm. Greer, T. Hall and Dr. Edmund Montgomery.

The history and report will be made, printed and forwarded to the Governor at once.

A committee of five was then, upon motion, appointed to draw up a petition to Sheriff McDade asking him to resign his office. The committee was as follows: R. C. Watson, R. C. Matthews, James A. Feiler, C. D. Robinson and George W. VanHouten. They presented the petition and it was signed by many persons.

F. J. Cooke, Thomas Armer and others presented it to Sheriff McDade. He informed them that he would not resign, and further that he would get one-third more votes at the coming election than any candidate who would run against him.

Mr. Cooke replied: "I guess so."

A resolution was unanimously passed requiring the chairman and secretary of the meeting to immediately telegraph the Governor to send rangers here to protect citizens and have the laws executed.

District Attorney R. E. Hannay will be here to conduct the examining trial next Monday.

It is not known whether Judge Burkhardt will be here to hold the examining trial or not. He has been requested to come.

RANGERS ON THE GROUND.

Special to the Gazette.

HAMPSTEAD, TEX., May 26.—Captain McMurray with five others of the state ranger force arrived here yesterday evening. Others are expected to-day. Everything is quiet, and a stranger would not know that anything serious had occurred in our town lately.

PARIS.

M. L. Ray Charged with the Murder of Shearson.

Special to the Gazette.

PARIS, TEX., May 26.—M. L. Ray was arrested this morning, charged with the murder of Shearson. The case against George for the murder of Shearson was dismissed by the state. The case against Charlie Walters is continued till next Wednesday. There is something in the wind that will drop out in a short time regarding the Shearson murder, and the probabilities are that a woman is at the bottom of the tragedy. The man Ray arrested this morning is thought to be by many the right man, or one of the men connected with the crime. Other arrests are hourly expected. The officers are thoroughly aroused and are sifting everything that is tainted in the least.

DENTON.

Superintendent of Public Schools—Farmers' Alliance Meeting.

Special to the Gazette.

DENTON, TEX., May 26.—The board of trustees of the Denton city schools met to-day and elected Mr. E. F. Comegys superintendent for the ensuing year.

The Farmers' Alliance of Denton county held a meeting here to-day in the District courtroom of the courthouse, which was largely attended by farmers from all parts of the county. The meeting was addressed by Hon. Evan Jones, president of the State Alliance, and by G. B. Clark, one of the members of the state executive committee, on the subject of the Exchange. The results attained, if any, have not been made public.

PROGRAMME

Of the Entertainment to be Given by the Ladies of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Monday Evening, at the Opera-house.

PART I.

Violin solo, Blue Belles of Scotland, Farmer—Master Walfrid Slinger.

Tenor solo, selected—Mr. J. H. Martindale.

Vocal duet, "Only Three," C. A. White—Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Peters.

Flute solo, selected—Mr. C. D. Lusk. Basso solo, selected—Mr. N. M. Wadsworth.

Soprano solo, Jamie, Bischoff—Miss Mand Peters.

Recitation—Mrs. Williams.

Violin solo, Scene de Ballet, Debussy—Professor Joseph Slinger.

Soprano solo, Silver Lining, Mme. Boniface—Mr. W. E. Kennedy.

To conclude with the noted Peak sisters from Alaska, who are all trained artists and several specialties, with their famous managers, Miss Sukey Jordan Pettigall.

Gloriana Peak, Triplet.

Mirandy Peak, Triplet.

Narcisley Peak, Triplet.

Patty Peak, Triplet.

Dorothy Peak, Triplet.

Eliza Peak, Triplet.

Luchinda Peak, Triplet.

Hannah Bellamy Peak, Triplet.

Rosina Maria Peak, Triplet.

Charity Peak, Triplet.

Forbearance Peak, Triplet.

Samantha Peak, Triplet.

Tinash Ann Peak, Triplet.

Faith Peak, Triplet.

The piano to be used at this concert is from the music house of C. H. Edwards.

Superintendent's Report.

The following is a weekly statement of the average actual enrollment, attendance and tardiness in the city public schools of Fort Worth for the week ending Friday, May 25, 1888:

BUILDINGS.	Enrollment.	Attendance.	Tardy.	Per cent. At.	Per cent. Tardy.
No. I.	258	18	7	93	3
No. II.	285	18	4	96	14
No. III.	413	5	3	96	96
No. IV.	132	5	3	96	96
No. V.	198	30	11	89	4
No. VI.	428	9	2	93	1
No. VII.	254	3	4	94	54
Total.	401400	84	39	93	25

REMARKS.

The average enrollment of this week 1400. Represents a gratifying coincidence with that of the first week of the session, being the same.

It is hoped that all the pupils will remain in the schools during the next week, thus presenting at the close of session the best showing during the history of the schools.

Building No. I, room 2; building No. II, room 7; building No. IV, room 3; building No. V, room 2, had not a single tardy for the week.

Building No. II, rooms 8, had not a tardy for the week.

Vegetables Are Good.

When they are not fresh none should eat them. It is reported that those who eat at Fort Worth, Tex., Co's always look newly and healthily.

The Farmers in the World.

At Anderson's gun store.

The Very Best.

News and family paper in the state is the WEEKLY GAZETTE, price reduced to \$1 a year.

THE T. P. A.

The Corner on Hotels at Corsicana About to be Broken—The T. P. A. Meeting Postponed.

A Day Should be Appointed for Fort Worth to Materialize the Merchants Along the Cotton Belt.

A column will be open in Sunday's issue of THE GAZETTE for communications of interest from traveling men.

Mrs. McKay informed our correspondent that she would reopen the McKay house in Corsicana about the middle of July. There can be no uncertainty about this, as she has definitely settled this matter. Mrs. McKay is well known to all the older druggists. That she kept a good house goes without saying, and judging the future by the past, we can easily say the "boys" will find there all the comforts of a clean, well-ordered house. She has now about fifteen rooms, but is making efforts to get additional rooms. If the patronage justifies it, she proposes to build an elegant little hotel convenient to the business part of the city. That there is a necessity for another hotel in Corsicana no traveling man will deny. Mrs. McKay says she will solicit no other trade but that of the traveling men; that their comfort shall be her first consideration.

TO MEET IN DALLAS.

The newly elected president and directors of the State Travelers' Protective Association will hold their first meeting in Dallas June 9 to appoint the different committees. It is to be hoped that they will be careful and see their best judgment, and get the right men in the right place regardless of personal friendships. We want men who will work for the interest of traveling men, and who are willing to give a portion of their leisure time in performing their duty.

HE CAN'T GET IN.

American Commercial Traveler.

St. Peter—Who comes there? Applicant—A soul from the earth. "What part of the earth?" "Swampy, Ark." "Your name, please." "Silas Johnson." "Can't admit you, Silas." "That's strange indeed. I led an exemplary life on earth and was a model Christian man."

"I see where you are right, Silas, but I understand that while you are in business in Swampy you would never say good-bye to a drummer. We must have perfect harmony up here."

"But why would my presence disturb the peace of heaven?"

"Well, you see it's just this way: Heaven is fast filling up with commercial travelers, and I am satisfied the boys would kick against you coming in. Step out on side, Mr. Johnson, and let that Railroad Snuff man in. Hastle along down now, Silas, and don't stop until you get to the extreme southern part. So long!"

TO SELECT A SECRETARY.

American Commercial Traveler.

The Travelers' Protective Association at its coming meeting will elect a secretary to take the place of J. R. Stone, who declines to accept the position for another year of office. Mr. Stone has been a wise and efficient officer, and the work he has done for the association in the six years he has served it will long be remembered. He has been very successful in making friends, and not a few of the boys will hear with regret that he declines the secretaryship for '88 and '89.

We want a man who has been tried and not found wanting. Let us have a man who has shown his mettle and one who has been a successful C. T. A man who has failed as a commercial traveler can never succeed as a T. P. A. secretary. A man who has not got the push and brains to sell goods has not got the necessary brains to manage the affairs of the Travelers' Protective Association.

NEW MEMBERS.

American Commercial Traveler.

Secretary Stone has been so busy taking care of new members of late that he has had all he could attend to. He received thirty-two T. P. A. applications from one state in one day, and other day, and reports many inquiries for applications from parties who wish to join. The meeting next month bids fair to be the most enthusiastic one that the T. P. A. has ever held. Kentucky alone promises to send 500, and Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York will be well represented. We understand that very desirable rates are being arranged, and that is all that is necessary now to make the meeting all that the most sanguine could wish. There is no doubt that the association to-day is in better shape than it was a year ago. The outlook for the association is bright, and we expect some good results the coming year. There is no reason why the association should not during the year 1888-'89 attain a membership of 100,000.

Parish Haines says: "Ten times one is ten," and why not try the effect of it? Try to send in ten new names next year. Others have done it—why not you? It is your duty to ask your fellow travelers to join this grand organization. Write to Secretary Stone for the blank application and make it a part of your business to see that they are sent in under the signature of one of your friends before another year rolls around.

POSTPONED.

Owing to the delayed trains very few traveling men arrived in time to attend the T. P. A. meeting, and as this meeting is to be a very important one, it was deemed advisable to postpone it until next Saturday night.

T. P. A. NOTES.

It has been suggested and talked by a number of traveling men that the directors of the Dallas fair be requested to have a drummers' day. It would be a big thing for the boys as well as the fair; the schools no experiment. The north has had them several years and in every case it has proved a big success. Let us have a drummers' day by all means.

The Board of Trade should see by all means that a day was appointed to entertain the merchants from along the Cotton Belt Road. There is no better way of introducing ourselves than by inviting them to Fort Worth and treating them in royal style, and let the jobbers see to it that their traveling men are here to receive their customers and give them a hand of welcome. It will make the visiting merchant feel at home to see a familiar face.

Mr. H. G. Ellis, the enterprising C. T. for the Martin-Brown Co., has been in town several days resting from a hard but successful trip.

Mr. Oscar Seligman was in town. We did not get to speak to him, but from the happy smile he wore trade must be good with him.

Mr. L. M. Bullington, our congenial friend, has been in town shaking hands with the boys this week. Buff says it is getting hot, but the people will buy dry goods.

We are glad to see W. D. Farris back in old place with the Martin-Brown Co. All his old friends give him a hearty welcome.

SUNDAY NOTES.

Mr. N. D. Barry will Sunday at Dallas. H. J. Altman of New York is at the Ellis.

Mr. F. L. Jordan is looking well and happy, as if some good fortune had struck him. It couldn't strike in a better place for Frank is a good fellow.

E. J. Anderson will Sunday at the Ellis.

A. Killmeyer of Baltimore will Sunday at the Ellis.

J. C. Skiff of St. Louis will spend a quiet Sunday at the Fort.

Mr. W. N. McGrath of New Orleans will Sunday at the Pickwick.

F. E. Ricker, the boss tea man of the state, will Sunday at the Pickwick.

Mr. S. H. Soyler will spend a pleasant Sunday at the Pickwick with his wife.

Mr. Alex. Burnheimer, one of the boys from New York, will Sunday at the Ellis.

D. C. Malloy, representing a St. Louis tobacco house, will Sunday at the Pickwick.

Mr. W. B. Wells, representing Samuel Couples of St. Louis, will Sunday at the Pickwick.

S. G. Maddox will Sunday with his family in Weatherford, where he owns a nice pleasant home.

We regret to learn that our friend P. F. Combs has been ill, but are glad to report him as improving. He expects to be on the road in a few days.

Mr. O. T. Kilpatrick, representing Goodall, Fite & James of Nashville, Tenn., has been having a good trade in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. A. C. Richey, representing the Gaus, Saelton Hat Company, joined the T. P. A. ranks. Mr. Richey is our kind of people and we are glad to have such men to join our Fort Worth post.

Look Out for the Boys—Maguire's Beans.

Fort-five years' infallible specific for diarrhea, dysentery, cholera morbus, cholera, cholera and if taken in time a sure preventive of Asiatic cholera.

ON WALL STREET.

The Stock Market Was Active but decidedly Weak Throughout the Day.

Much of the Previous Day's Gains Was Lost—Rumors of Jay Gould's Illness and Death.

Special to the Gazette.

New York, May 26.—Railway bonds to-day closed as follows: Fort Worth and Denver City at 87 1/2; Texas and Pacific at 45 1/2; 1's at 92 1/2; Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio at 108 1/2.

Money 2 per cent.

Silver 91 1/2.

Sterling dull.

Wheat weak.

Sugar higher.

 Oil 55 1/2. || Cotton dull. |  |
Coffee quiet.	
Hides slow, very little improvement, although the demand for all grades is good.	
Wool keeps up a steady tone.	
GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.	
New York, May 26.—The stock market to-day was again active and decidedly weak throughout, and a large portion of yesterday's gains were lost. Rumors of a serious turn in Mr. Gould's indisposition were circulated, and they even went so far as to have him dead before the close of the day. This had a very depressing influence upon Gould specialties, and Missouri Pacific became a special object of attack. Its price was forced out over 3 points, and the rest of the list followed, though in but few stocks did the losses exceed a point. The opening figures were from 1 to 1 per cent. below last evening's prices, while Reading was off 1 1/2 and Northern Pacific preferred 1 1/2, and the market declined from the first sales with Missouri Pacific in the lead. A great portion of the decline was made in the first half hour for most of the list. A reaction was made toward 11 o'clock, but the decline was soon resumed with greater activity and Missouri Pacific dropped 3 1/2 per cent. Another rally occurred toward 11:30, but it was of but short duration and the market became more quiet, but remained heavy, closing at about the lowest prices reached. The whole of the active list is lower. Missouri Pacific lost 3 per cent.; Reading, 1 1/2; St. Paul, 1 1/2; New England, 1 1/2; Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and West and Denver, 1 1/2 each.	
Railroad bonds were quiet and irregular.	
Government bonds were dull and steady.	
Bomb Murderer in Danger of Lynching.	
DELPHI, IND., May 26.—Chamberlain, the murderer of Miss Wittenberg of Monticello who broke jail the other night and in escaping brained Sheriff Henderson, was captured near this city early this morning. He was taken to Monticello. The authorities expect lynching, but all possible precautions against such an act have been taken. Public feeling against the murderer is wrought up to the highest pitch.	
An Imperative Necessity.	
What pure air is to an unhealthy locality, what spring cleaning is to the neat household, so is Hood's Sarsaparilla to everybody, at this season. The body needs to be thoroughly renovated, the blood purified and vitalized, the germs of disease destroyed. Scrofula, Salt Rheum, and all other blood disorders are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the most popular and successful spring medicine.	
A Merited Compliment.	
We the undersigned, citizens of Fort Worth, desire to say to the public that for months past we have noticed with much interest the weather forecasts that have been made upon the bulletin board of the Fort Worth Pharmacy Company, corner of Main and Fifth streets. We have found them remarkably correct, the forecasts not only being made out for one or two days in advance, but for a period of two weeks, during storms and rainfalls have been accurately foretold. We are led to believe that the science and art of meteorology is rapidly developing into truths of great practical importance. We request that these weather bulletins be indefinitely continued. W. M. Harrison, Morgan Jones, Alex. Hogg, T. A. Tidwell, W. A. Adams, D. J. J. Beall, M. P. Thomas Heck, E. W. Taylor, C. E. Crane, A. B. Smith, S. E. Bibb, W. T. Maddox, S. M. Fry, A. Nicholson, Sidney Martin, Thomas P. Martin, C. Y. McClelland, J. B. Littlejohn, John P. Montgomery, Post & Co., Wm. F. Summerville, Caswell & Bros., J. P. Harger, R. H. Sellers, T. M. Mullin, M. D., and fifty others.	
Fine Tone.	
The list of the best one pound packages, at Turner, McGuire & Co's includes Princess, Cosmopolitan, Blossom, Chap and White Cross. Every other popular brand is carried in stock, but these four stand at the very head of the list.	

TOURISTS' RESORT.

The Season in Colorado Fairly Opened. A Trip to the Rockies More Path- ionable than Going Abroad.

The Entire State a Grand Wonderland Charming Mountain Parks, Gems of Lakes and the most Beautiful Waterfalls.

Special Correspondence of the Gazette.

DENVER, COLO., May 22.—The "tourist season" is now fully open in Colorado, and judging from the number of strangers who daily arrive and depart at the big Union depot at this city, the season bids fair to eclipse all previous ones. In conversation with a keen-eyed reporter attached to one of our prominent dailies, I learned that the average daily number of people who pass through Denver en route to the summer resorts located amid the Rockies, has been, since the first of the month, about 700. There is a growing taste among the more intelligent classes, for the attractions of our land, in preference to those across the seas. I met a party the other day, which consisted of a gentleman, his wife, his two daughters, his son and an invalid sister. They had all been abroad. Last year they were on the Continent. The young ladies were both graduates of Vassar college. A slight service rendered to patrons in the matter of some information regarding some localities the party proposed visiting, placed me upon terms of sociability which add so much to the enjoyment of travel. The young ladies were enthusiastic over Colorado's attractions.

"How do you find Colorado compared with Switzerland?" I asked.

"Why, Switzerland is not to be compared to Colorado. There are so many POSITIVE DISCOMFORTS

over there. Why, we had the hardest task imaginable to obtain even decent accommodations in many places. Just imagine having to sleep up-stairs in a little house where the ground floor has been occupied for ages by an odoriferous cow and six aromatic goats. Ugh! Why, papa said he guessed he owned about all of Switzerland, and at every place where we stopped they brought him a bill of sale of the premises and demanded payment. And, of course, he can't talk French, so he used to pay the bills and say awfully naughty words. And then we had the greatest trouble to secure attention for poor Aunt Eunice. The Alpine scenery is very beautiful, but I do not think it is as grand as what we have already seen here; and besides, one does not find in the old country the delightful invigorating air which we have here. Why, all of us have developed ravenous appetites since we have been in Colorado. Even Aunt Eunice has begun to take some interest in what is to be had for dinner."

"You have been in Colorado some time," I asked.

"Why, yes," replied one of the young ladies. "We have been in the state nearly a month."

"You see," broke in the young brother, who hitherto had been deeply engrossed in a hopeless endeavor to swallow the big round head of his walking cane, "Dad took us out early this year on account of Aunt Eunice. The doctor advised the High Springs, and we went to a place in Arkansas. There was a narrow valley with high hills that kept

from blowing away; and there was lots of mud, and that was all. One of dad's friends who had been out here told us all about this country, and mother said she wanted a change, and here we are."

"Do you like the change?"

"Why, yes," exclaimed the young man. "I have been at a place up north of here where there is a splendid not spring, and there there is no mud, and the air is so good it makes a flow feel awful jolly. We have had splendid sport. Alice and Lou and I have been hunting jack rabbits every day. Dad says he is going to buy a place out here."

The happy and charming combination of medicinal springs, with the atmosphere of phenomenal purity and exhilarating properties, together with scenic surroundings unsurpassed in beauty or grandeur, is one of the attractions of Colorado. With the exception of a strip along the eastern portion, the